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ITALY'S ACHIEVEMENT.

THE TACTICAL RESULT.

A REMARKABLE FEAT.

LONDON, May 24.

The tactical result of the Italian victory is that the Italians have at length fought their way to the lower of the rocky terraces descending from Cesca to the Adriatic Sea, at a point where the table-land touches the sea and thus secured a firm hold on the coast road, and the railway to Trieste, which is only 13 miles from the point attained.

Moreover, the Italians have made important gains in Gorizia, capturing the formidable Monte Santo which resisted repeated attacks for fourteen days.

Summing up the fortnight's fighting, the Italians have captured two of the strongest mountain fortresses in the north of Gorizia, repulsed an Austrian counter-attack in the Trentino and inflicted on the enemy the most severe reverse they have hitherto sustained. At Cesca, the nature of the country, resembling an enormous petrified sponge, elaborately fortified, makes thefeat all the more remarkable.

Newspaper correspondents of Corse describe the enemy's line as a quarry and held rock with acres of wire held up by iron standards converted into stone. On the eve of the attack, a furious "Bora" wind swept the smoke from the Italian guns backward upon the observers. Wednesday dawned calm and then hundreds of enormous trench mortars blew solid trenches asunder, while a hailstorm of shells of every description pounded the enemy lines. The infantry advanced at 4 in the afternoon, each man like a goblin in a gas mask, surmounted by a steel cuirass, thrusting forward into death in a fog of shells, tripping over jagged rocks and methodically bombing machine-gun positions till they tumbled across the shattered parapets into the Austrian trenches. At one point was a system of vast subterranean shelters where the garrison was packed like sardines. These surrendered en masse.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, May 25.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

Machin-guns fire drove off a raid in the neighbourhood of Armentieres.

Aerial activity has increased. On Wednesday five German machines were brought down, and six were driven down. Three of ours are missing.

LONDON, May 25.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We drove off a local night attack to the south-west of Fontaine-le-Crois.

We heavily repulsed a raid to the north-east of Arleux and captured a further portion of the front line trench system.

This morning, to the south-east of Loos, an enemy counter-attack failed.

We successfully carried out a raid to the southward of Armentieres and to the westward of Mesenies.

A French communiqué states:

The artillery duel has been inter-

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GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON,
June, 1916.

(For examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates, see the other side.)

Examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates

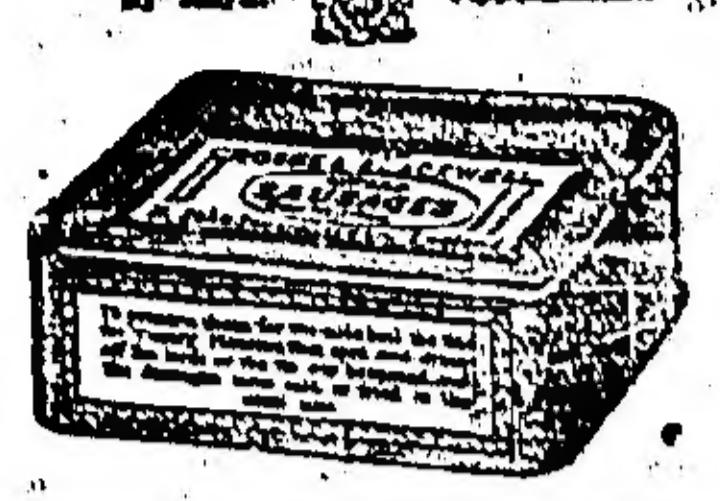
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED) on

TUESDAY,

the 29th May, 1917, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, &c., &c., Comprising—

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Piano in good condition, Electric Reading Lamps, Blackwood and Teakwood Screens, a quantity of Blackwood Furniture, Engravings, Pictures, etc., etc.

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HUGHES & HOUGH
Auctioneers

Hongkong, May 23, 1917.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Liquidator of Messrs. JONES & CO. in pursuance of an order of the Hongkong Government to sell by Public Auction at 12 o'clock (Noon) on

TUESDAY,

the 31st day of July, 1917, at his Sales Rooms, DUDDELL STREET,

THE VALUABLE LEASEROLD PROPERTY situated at The Peak, Hongkong, and being Rural Building Lot No. 10.

IN ONE LOT

The property consists of—

The piece or parcel of ground and premises known as "Lysholt" 104 The Peak, situated near Mount Gough in the Colony of Hongkong with an area of 12,403 square feet and registered in the Land Office as Rural Building Lot No. 19.

The lot is held for the unexpired residue of a term of 75 years created therein by an indenture of Crown Lease dated the 23rd day of April 1896.

The Annual Crown Rent is \$85.00.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, Solicitors for the Liquidator, or to the undersigned.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, April 30, 1917.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Liquidator of Messrs. WINKLE & CO. in pursuance of an Order of the Hongkong Government to sell by Public Auction at 12 o'clock (Noon) on

MONDAY,

the 27th day of August, 1917, at his Sales Rooms, DUDDELL STREET,

Hongkong.

ALL the piece of ground situated at Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 200.

IN ONE LOT

The property consists of a piece of ground abutting on Battery Street and Fourth Street (near the Praya) in Kowloon and contains an area of 4,500 square feet.

The lot is held for the unexpired residue of a term of 75 years created therein by an Indenture of Crown Lease dated the 4th day of May 1888.

The Annual Crown Rent is \$60.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. EASTINGS & HASTINGS, solicitors for the Liquidator, or to the Undersigned.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 27, 1917.

1749

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED).

FRIDAY,

the 1st June, 1917, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,—

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., Comprising—

Teak Twin Bedsteads, Sideboards, Dining Tables, Extension Dining Tables, and Chairs, Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs, &c., Wardrobes and Toilet Tables, Cots, &c., Miscellaneous Furniture, Pictures, &c., Bedding, Cabinets, Wardrobes, Stands, &c., Brass Tenders and Fire Braces, &c., few lots Potcalsins and Curios, &c., Pantry and Kitchen Utensils, Electric Lamps, Fans, Enamelled Baths, Carpets, and Rugs.

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HUGHES & HOUGH
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Hongkong, May 24, 1917.

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Hongkong, May 24, 1917.

SEARCHING OF PASSENGERS AT HONGKONG.

INVESTIGATION BY A COMMITTEE.

The following report were laid before the Legislative Council by Command of His Excellency the Governor, 25th May, 1917.—

At the meeting of the Legislative Council, held on the 31st October, 1916, certain members spoke on the subject of the searching of passengers, as follows:—

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.—In connection with the searching of passengers at the wharves for mugs and opium we desire to state that serious complaints have reached some of us, and we trust that means may be found to remedy such abuses, which are a hindrance to the river-traffic of this Colony.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chi Pak.—Sir speaking on behalf of my senior Chinese colleague and myself, I beg to emphasize the remarks relative to the searching of Chinese passengers leaving or arriving in this Colony. From the nature of the complaints brought to the notice of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, through the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and from similar representations made to ourselves, it is evident that the present system of searching by the native excisemen and police is capable of much improvement. In our opinion there should always be present some responsible officer to whom the Chinese, when searched, could report in case of irregularities or to whom they could turn for guidance when a dispute arises. Many allegations of a serious nature have been circulated for some time amongst the Chinese and duly communicated to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who will no doubt bring them before the Government in due course. I need not, therefore, go into details. On behalf of the Chinese community my senior Chinese colleague and myself respectfully request that the Government will give the matter early attention, and adopt such measures as will place a stricter supervision over the work of the native excisemen and police, and mitigate the hardship and undue annoyance to which the Chinese passing through this Colony are undoubtedly subjected.

Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.—I beg to support the statements which have just been made by my colleague.

By direction of His Excellency the Governor the matter was investigated by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Captain Superintendent of Police, and the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, who have made the following report:—

Hon. Colonial Secretary.—

The existence to any great extent of abuses connected with the searching of passengers is not open to precise proof. The Captain Superintendent of Police points out that, in view of the small number of complaints made to his department either directly or through the European detectives on this duty, the trouble is perhaps exaggerated.

It is agreed however that it is not possible to dismiss the complaints received as without foundation. If the theory is correct that, in many cases individuals try to save themselves time and trouble, it is not unnatural that they should be shy of reporting to the Police; or that, after a general complaint based on such circumstances should be put forward indirectly—for instance through the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, as in these papers.

It is clear that there is plenty of opening for abuse. The lack of sufficient European supervision of the searchers, the want of proper searching sheds (searching of baggage has often to be done in the open and on wet ground), the readiness of passengers to pay rather than undergo the discomforts of search and delay, even if carrying nothing contraband, the methods of the Shipping Companies or their compatriote staffs in passing us passengers' luggage what should rank us cargo, and (though this point perhaps exceeds the terms of reference which are concerned with passengers' baggage only) in allowing a margin over amounts appearing on manifests—a practice which the closer regulation of the last few years has shown to be very prevalent.

The Stewards have decided to distribute the above sum in the manner shown below. To the:—

Aeroplane Fund (One Scout Plane, "Race Club" Club 4') \$12,000.

R. F. C. Hospital 4,000

Blind Soldiers and Sailors Fund 4,000

Sailor's Wur-Opham's Fund 5,000

British Red Cross 3,000

French Red Cross 1,000

Belgian Red Cross 1,000

Italian Red Cross 1,000

Portuguese Red Cross 1,000

American Red Cross 1,000

Blue Cross 3,000

Belgian Relief Fund 2,000

Comforts for Mine Sweepers Fund 1,500

Earl Roberts' Best Home 1,500

Wounded, Sicks 2,500

Australian Wounded 1,000

Shanghai Wounded 2,000

Fly Trap Fund 8,500

British Women's Work Fund 2,500

French Wur-Opham's Fund 1,500

Shanghai Ladies' Benevolent Fund (Bandages) 1,000

Total \$80,000

Invested with the China and Japan War Savings Association by "Sweet" or the Shanghai Charlatans and Winner of the Club's Big Sweepstakes \$56,000

Total \$80,000

Queues to the various local honorary treasurers will be forwarded with the least possible delay. The sum of \$1,500, representing net proceeds of a raffle for only a cough, very palatable.

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FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

WHIT-MONDAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 26th May, 1917.

By Order,

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THE CALENDAR.**MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.**
Whit Sunday.**MEMO. FOR MONDAY.**
Whit Monday—General Holiday.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, May 29.—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Hickwood Ware, Sundries etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.
4 p.m.—Meeting of the H.K. Chamber of Commerce.WEDNESDAY, May 30.—
Non.—"Star" Ferry Co.'s Meeting.
5.15 p.m.—Hongkong Club Extraordinary Meeting.
5.30 p.m.—Girl Guides' Display in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon.THURSDAY, May 31.—
5.15 p.m.—St. George's Society's Meeting.**CHINA MAIL
OVERLAND EDITION.****THE BEST WEEKLY NEWS-PAPER FOR ALL INTERESTED IN HONGKONG AND CHINA GENERALLY.**

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FOR A LAME BACK.

WHEN you have pains or lameness in the back bath the parts with Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice a day, washing with the pain of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then remove piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain. For ease by all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

scheme. When we recall that this scheme was carried by the official phalanx in the Legislative Council against the united opposition of the unofficial members, it adds a little spice to the "Harbour Master's" remark that the scheme is generally appreciated by the shipping and considerably improves the facilities and convenience of the port.

NEWS OF THE DAY.**LOCAL AND GENERAL**

A new Proclamation appears in the Government Gazette prescribing the maximum retail prices of articles of food in the Colony.

Money, jewellery and clothing to the sum total of \$320, have been stolen from No. 3 Hollywood Road by burglars.

The prohibition of the export of arms, ammunition &c. from the Colony has been further extended by Proclamation of the Governor issued yesterday.

The election of a Justice of the Peace to serve on the Licensing Board for six months during the absence of the Hon. Mr. E. Shillam has now been fixed for June 11th.

A Japanese officer on a steamer lying in the harbour has reported to the Police that a gold watch and chain and a pair of boots to the total value of \$100, have been stolen from his cabin.

His Excellency the Governor has, under Section 3 (13) of the Holidays Ordinance, 1912, (Ordinance No. 5 of 1912), ordered that the Birthday of His Majesty the King is to be kept on Monday, the 4th June, 1917.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. W. W. Pearce has been appointed to act as Colonial Veterinary Surgeon in addition to his other duties, during the absence of Mr. Adam Gibson.

The engagement is announced of the Rev. S. G. Tenkile, M.A., Chaplain of All Saints', Tientsin, to Mrs. MacIntyre, of the Q. V. Diamond Jubilee Memorial Hospital. The marriage is expected to take place next autumn.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally, and pending the receipt of instructions from His Majesty's Government Monsieur Luis Alvarez Calderon Astete as Consul for Peru in Hongkong.

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Mr. S. H. Dodwell has been nominated by Mr. G. T. Edkins and seconded by Mr. N. J. Stabb, to represent the Chamber of Commerce on the Legislative Council during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Holycross. Nominations are being received up to 10 a.m. on Tuesday next, and the General Meeting of members of the Chamber to consider the nominations takes place at 4 p.m.

THE COLONY'S SUBSIDIARY COIN.

HALF THE TOTAL ISSUE REDEEMED.

The following is an extract from the Report on the Blue Book for 1916:

The rate of discount on Hongkong subsidiary coin disappeared during 1916. It ranged from 10 per cent. at the end of the year.

Bank notes also were at par value at the close of the year.

The total issue of subsidiary coins, less those demonetized, now amounts to \$21,204,370 nominal value, and they were up to the year 1905 readily absorbed at par, large quantities being taken by the neighbouring provinces of China.

During 1916 ten cent pieces of the face value of \$5,028,000 were shipped to England for purposes of demonetization. The discount which has prevailed since 1905 may be attributed to the immense quantity of similar coin which has latterly been minted at Canton as well as to the amount of Hongkong coin minted largely in excess of the needs of the Colony by itself.

In 1905 the Hongkong Government ceased to issue any subsidiary coin and in 1906 it began a policy of demonetizing all its subsidiary coin received as revenue. This policy has been continuously followed since except during a brief period in 1911.

Coin to the face value of \$22,736,450 has thus been redeemed. The total issue by the Hongkong Government was of the face value of about

\$44,000,000.

A gratifying feature of these returns is that British shipping, notwithstanding the many and severe handicaps which the war has imposed on British commerce, maintains its leading position in the shipping trade of the Colony. An incidental reference is made in the Report to the busy

COMPANY MEETINGS.**PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LTD.**

The ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders of the Peak Tramways Company, Ltd. was held at 11.30 o'clock this morning at the Hongkong Hotel.

There were present: Mr. Henry Humphreys (in the chair), Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. C. S. Gubay (directors), Mr. J. A. Tarrant, Mr. W. Morley and Mr. D. E. Clark.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen.—

The report and statement of accounts and auditors' report having been in your hands for the past week, I pro-

pose with your permission to take them at once. The accounts as you will

observe are not as good as last year.

There has been an increase of \$252,43

in traffic receipts and a saving of

\$2,134,57 in wages and \$2,321,00 in

subsidiary coins respectively. Of the

other hand, coal and stores

(principally coal) have

increased by

\$4,434,77 more. The donation to War Charities, viz. \$2,500, accounts for

nearly all the difference between this

year's net profit and loss and is responsi-

ble for our not being able to add

anything to reserve for the

period under review. This is a

matter which need cause no concern to

shareholders, for the Company's Reserve Fund is sufficient for its present

needs. Taking everything into considera-

tion your directors think that the

payment of the same dividend as last

year is justified and will be appreciated

and they have no doubt the donation to

war charities will meet with your

approval. In these days we not

only have to give to individuals

but to corporations and although

many of us in so doing give twice

over, I am sure there will be none

to grudge it in so good a cause.

During the year the mortgage on R.B.L.

21 was paid off and the money therefrom

invested in shares of local companies.

I do not think there is anything else call-

ing for special comment, so I will now

propose that the report and statement

of accounts as presented be passed.

When this has been duly seconded I

shall be pleased, before putting the

motion to the meeting, to answer any

questions shareholders may have to ask.

Mr. J. A. TARRANT seconded the

adoption of the report and statement of

accounts which was unanimously

passed.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed and

Mr. W. MORLEY seconded the re-

election of the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton,

Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. C. S. Gubay

and Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., as

directors and the motion was agreed to.

On the proposal of Mr. D. E. CLARK,

seconded by Mr. W. MORLEY, Messrs. C.

Bernard Brown and A. R. Lowe were

re-elected as auditors at a remunerat-

ion of \$200, and the meeting terminated

A. S. WATSON & COMPANY, LTD.

The thirty-second annual ordinary

general meeting of shareholders of A. S.

Watson and Company, Ltd., was held

at noon to-day at the Hongkong Hotel.

There were present: Mr. Henry

Humphreys (in the chair), Hon.

Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. J. Scott

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THE CHINA MAIL.

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

JAPAN'S NAVAL HELP.

BRITISH APPRECIATION.

London, May 24.
In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, replying to a question, said that "the activities" of the Japanese Navy did not end with the operations resulting from their co-operation with the British Navy in the extermination of the German Naval forces in the Pacific. A detachment of gunboats and destroyers had been despatched to the Straits Settlements, where it had been assisting the British Navy in guarding the Indian Ocean to the east of Colombo. In the northern Pacific, a detachment of Japanese cruisers, last year, at the instance of Great Britain, had carried out extensive cruises of great importance to the Allied cause, while more recently, in view of the development of the naval situation, the Allied Governments had deemed it necessary that the co-operation of the Japanese Navy should be extended. Accordingly, the Japanese Government had despatched a considerable force of light craft to the Mediterranean where it was now co-operating with Great Britain's and the Allies' forces. A new detachment of powerful fast cruisers had been despatched to assist to protect shipping in the Indian and South Pacific oceans. Valuable as this assistance had been, it was additionally valuable in showing the spirit existing between all the Allies and indicating the greatness of the assistance we might expect in the future. (Cheers.)

EMPIRE DAY.

THE OBSERVANCE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

London, May 25.

Empire Day was never more solemnly celebrated than yesterday. In Great Britain the occasion was everywhere utilised to impress on the nation the necessity for a universal movement in self-defence against submarine piracy. The King's proclamation, exhorting food self-denial, was read from steps of the Town Halls in the presence of the municipal dignitaries to large crowds, many of whom afterwards signed a voluntary ration pledge. There were also the customary demonstrations in the schools. Their Majesties the King and Queen, visited the Royal Overseas Officers' Club in Pall Mall and held a reception afterwards when they informally conversed with many of the officers from the Dominions. A notable participant in the celebrations was General Smuts who addressed two gatherings, one of the members of War Clubs and the other of the Women's United Services League at Marylebone and Stepney respectively.

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Mr. Long, after paying a glowing tribute to the air service allied to the Colonies and said there were those in Great Britain even to-day who failed to recognise the future of the Overseas Dominions and who were blind to the possibilities of the British Empire. Some of the Empire's greatest possibilities were to be found in distant parts. If the Empire was going to be what it ought to be, namely the most united, self-reliant and peace-loving in the world, our people must realise its immense potentialities in the more distant possessions, the majority of which few of us could realise.

MAN-POWER IN THE COLONIES.

In the House of Commons recently Mr. Brooke asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies if he can inform the House what steps are being taken in parts of the British Empire, other than the self-governing Colonies, to utilise the available British man-power? Mr. Long: My hon. Friend will no doubt recognise that it would not be desirable to make public full particulars of the steps which are being taken to utilise the available man-power of our colonies. But for general information upon this point I would invite his attention to the answer which I gave on the 19th February to a question put by the hon. and gallant Member for the Merton Division

THE IMPERIAL WAR CONFERENCE.

PUBLICATION OF A BLUE BOOK.

London, May 24.

A Blue Book consisting of 103 pages of the proceedings of the Imperial War Conference has been issued. It contains the resolutions already cabled, extracts from the minutes, and a number of papers read before the Conference, notably a memorandum on emigration from India to the Dominions which was presented by the Indian representatives and which the Conference recommended to the favourable consideration of the Government concerned. The memorandum suggests the following basis for agreement:

Firstly, as regards the Indians already permanently settled in the Dominions, they should be allowed to bring in their wives (subject to the rule of manumission) and minor children and in other respects they should not be less privileged than the Japanese settled immigrants.

Secondly, future admissions of Indians for labour or settlement should, if possible, be regulated on lines similar to, and not less favourable than, those governing the admission of any other Asiatic race.

Thirdly, if this is impossible there might be reciprocal treatment in India and each Dominion of immigration for purposes of labour or permanent settlement. If a Dominion is determined to exclude these two classes of immigration from India, India should be free to do the same as regards that Dominion. It would clearly be recognised that exclusion in either case was not from motives of racial prejudice but was the outcome of different economic conditions.

Fourthly, along with such exclusion, reciprocal arrangements would be made for granting full facilities for the admission of tourists, students and the like, and for business visits entailing temporary residence so long as this residence was not for labour purposes or for permanent settlement.

THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES.

London, May 24.

The War Cabinet has decided to discontinue the erection of a large explosives factory at Bristol, owing to the entry of the United States into the war.

ELECTORAL REFORM BILL PASSED.

London, May 24.

In the House of Commons, the second reading of the Electoral Reform Bill was passed by 320 votes to 40.

BAR SILVER FOR INDIA.

London, May 24.

The New York Banks, at the request of Indian customers are shipping bar silver to India via San Francisco, in settlement of the trade balance, at the rate of £200,000 a week.

THE POSTPONEMENT OF RACING.

London, May 25.

Lord Curzon, in the House of Lords, said the reason why the Premier suggested the postponement of a decision regarding the stoppage of racing was that greater success in grappling with the submarine warfare might alter the food situation in the next six weeks or two months.

THE LATE RAJAH OF SARAWAK.

London, May 25.

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CONTROL OF MEAT PRICES.

London, May 26.

In the House of Commons, Captain Bathurst stated that the retail prices of meat would shortly be controlled.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH EMPIRE PRODUCERS' ORGANISATION.

SPEECH BY SIR EDWARD CARSON.

London, May 24.

Sir Edward Carson was the guest at a luncheon held in connection with the British Empire Producers Organisation. Lord Beresford presided, and read the following telegram from Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister:

"The resolutions of the Imperial War Conference will draw more closely together the bonds of Empire. The victory of the National Government of Australia has shown Australia's attitude towards the Empire. I wish the Producers' Organisation success."

Lord Beresford said that only those who, before the war, pointed out the danger of starvation had a right to criticise the Admiralty now. He declared that the submarine menace was not yet in hand; nothing but over-water craft in large numbers could beat the submarine in blue water.

Sir Edward Carson, responding to the town of his health, said it was difficult to find time beforehand to compose a speech, because he was giving six hours daily to the Irish question, desired no assault, and broke through the enemy's lines from Castiglione to the sea. While we were heavily engaged on our left, our troops, after clearing enemy trenches at the centre and right, occupied a part of the area southward of the Castiglione and Boscombe road, and passed Boscombe.

They captured Jannino and five strongly fortified heights with a sudden onslaught which surprised and non-plussed the enemy, who counter-attacked in the evening. We severely repulsed them. We took over 9,000 prisoners yesterday, including 300 others.

The President is now urging Huai Si Chang to accept the Premiership and Wong Shih Chen the Ministry of War.

Yesterday, Tuan Ki Sui, not knowing the President's decision, submitted a list of new Ministers. The President returned the list to the Cabinet.

The Army in Peking now having at its head Generals Chan Kwong Yuen and Kong Chiu Chung, is maintaining order and no disturbances are expected. The reason why the President took such drastic measures was to defeat the purpose of the Tukwans' Conference at Chuchow.

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only to do on a sound solvent basis by the organisation of the unexploited resources of Empire.

"Let us not talk to them too much about Imperialism," continued the speaker. "To some it rather idealises domination, to others it means aggression; to others it means the exploitation of the people for the benefit of the few, or of capitalists. You must get rid of that out of their minds; you must rather teach them of Empire Union and greatness, in which each unit is a help and strength to the other units. You must teach them that the patriotism inherent in them is best for their material progress. Just as by building up business they got a free flow for their energies, and greater resources for higher wages, so by the expansion of Empire, and by exploiting untapped fields of Empire, you will bring home to them that we have great material which can place them on a surer and better foundation of good times and happiness at home than has ever fallen to the lot of the proletariat of any other race." (Cheers.)

ITALIANS TAKE 9,000 PRISONERS IN A DAY.

Rome, May 24.

An Italian official message says: On the Corso yesterday, after ten hours' violent bombardment, we assaulted, and broke through the enemy's lines from Castiglione to the sea. While we were heavily engaged on our left, our troops, after clearing enemy trenches at the centre and right, occupied a part of the area southward of the Castiglione and Boscombe road, and passed Boscombe.

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Ten British batteries largely contributed to the bombardment.

We repulsed heavy attacks at Gorizia, and captured a strong point on the north-west slopes of San Marco. We considerably progressed at Monte Santo and Vodice after severe fighting.

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BRITISH TRANSPORT SUNK.

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THE ADRIATIC FIGHT.

SURVIVORS' STORY.

Paris, May 25.

The survivors of the *Bauleu*, which was sunk in the Adriatic engagement, state that the British, French and Italian warships showed great skill and promptitude in meeting the Austrian vessels' attack. The French destroyer *Bisson* registered several successful shots at a big enemy cruiser on which a large fire was seen to break out.

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Mr. J. H. Congdon's New Ally

II (Mr. Bartou) 1

Mr. Staves Shinou (Mr. Knoll) 2

Mr. Ellis Kudoorie's Pingwu Chief (Mr. Seth) 3

Won by one length, many lengths separated second and third. Time, 1min. 20secs.

Par-Mutuel:—Winner, \$18.10.

Places: 1st, \$5.50; 2nd, \$5.80; 3rd, \$5.30.

Cash Sweep:—No. 34, \$321.30;

No. 91, \$61.80; No. 53, \$45.00.

LADIES' NOMINATION, EGG AND SPOON RACE.

Mr. C. H. Blason, nominated by Mrs. Forsyth 1

Mr. F. Sutton, nominated by Mrs. F. Sutton 2

Mr. G. C. Moxon, nominated by Miss Hastings 3

Par-Mutuel:—Winner, \$35.10.

Places: 1st, \$8.20; 2nd, \$6.80; 3rd, \$10.40.

Cash Sweep:—No. 102, \$57.60;

No. 106, \$16.60; No. 43, \$6.80.

THE AUSTRALIAN TEA IMPORTS.

London, May 25.

In the House of Commons, Sir J. D. Rees suggested that Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Long might obtain the prohibition of the import of Java tea to Australia in favour of Indian and Ceylon tea.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the matter was entirely within the discretion of the Commonwealth Government.

If that Government saw fit to give advantage to India over foreign tea, needless to say, it would be welcome; but he did not think he could usefully and properly act regarding that particular industry.

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NEW MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

[FROM "THE TIMES"]

WESTMINSTER, March 29th.
 Mr. Bonar Law made a grave statement on the urgency of the man-power problem in moving the second reading of the new Military Service Bill in the House of Commons today.

It was the opinion of the Government, he said, that the Bill, which provides for a new examination of discharged and rejected men, was an absolute necessity in view of the present military situation. He explained that arrangements were definitely made last autumn for the provision of men for the present campaign on a certain scale. That anticipation had not been fulfilled because the Cabinet found the needs at home so pressing that for a time those in the Army had to give way. He thought it right to tell the House that the recruits who had been obtained since the beginning of the year had fallen short of the number estimated by 100,000.

The House readily agreed with Mr. Bonar Law that such a falling-off was serious. Members, however, were glad to hear from him that the deficiency had been made good to a considerable degree by the taking of fit men formerly behind the lines for the fighting line. Relief had also come from the greater use which was being made of the services of women. A deficiency still existed, and the Army felt that unless it could be made good our prospects in the coming campaign would be seriously jeopardized.

The Bill, to which Mr. Bonar Law asked the assent of the House, would enable the military authorities to deal with 1,000,000 men, and their estimate was that at least 100,000 recruits would be forthcoming from this class within the next three months. The Government recognized the hardship which the Bill would impose on individuals, but the war had reached such a point that the only principle that could be recognized was that every man who was found fit to go into the fighting line should be there, unless his services were required for national needs of equal importance at home. He was sorry to say that there was a considerable number of men who had succeeded in avoiding service by something like fraud.

The real hardship under the Bill, Mr. Bonar Law admitted, was the absence of finality, but nobody could tell what the necessities of the war might be. At the same time, he assured the House that the Army Council had had their lesson in regard to medical examinations. It was not in their interest either to take men who were not fit for service or to employ a very limited medical staff in constantly examining men who would never be fit for service. He gave the assurance that no unnecessary inconvenience would be given to the men liable under the Bill. After calling attention to the fact that a Bill on precisely the same lines was carried by the French Government last week, he stated that one reason why the falling off of recruits had not had the disastrous results it might have had was that our casualties so far this year had been less than anticipated. Still, a time of great fighting with terrible casualties was in front of us, and the whole value of this year's campaign might depend on being able to drive home any success which we might achieve.

Mr. Hogg at once moved an amendment designed to secure pensions for men accepted for service and afterwards discharged owing to disability not caused by wilful misconduct. Mr. Asquith supported the appeal for generous State treatment in such cases. Mr. Bonar Law admitted that a more careful examination had often been made in the past ought now to be possible. He promised

to ask the War Office whether it was not possible to make the medical examination so perfect as to run no risk of danger of the kind referred to. In reply later to a suggestion from Mr. Churchill, Mr. Bonar Law stated that, if the House expressed a strong desire for a secret session the Government would show no hostility to it, and would consider the matter after Easter. In the end only 18 members voted against the second reading of the Bill.

Later, The Military Service Bill for the review of exceptions passed through its final stage in the House of Commons to-night by 137 votes to 19.

Mr. Bonar Law, in supporting the third reading, appreciated what had been said as to the reluctance felt in the House and the country about the measure. He repeated that the justification for it—and he thought it was sufficient—was necessity. Mr. Churchill denied that the Bill was a necessity, and charged the Government with living on a hand-to-mouth basis.

THE MILITARY SERVICE BILL.

The Government Bill for the review of exceptions from military service gives the Army Council power to call up for examination three classes:

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- 2.—Men discharged from the forces in consequence of disablement or ill-health.
- 3.—Men who have been previously rejected on any ground.

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The light is a revolving one, giving two dashes of 18,000 candle power each every 10 seconds. The optical apparatus is hung on gimbals and has a pendulum and balance weight so that it maintains a vertical position in spite of the rolling of the ship. The balance weight is adjusted so that the roll of the ship and the swing of the pendulum do not synchronise and steadiness is thereby assured. The source of light is an incandescent mantle heated by a petroleum vapour burner which automatically vapourises the petroleum fed to it under air pressure.

The fog signal consists of an automatic fog gun which fires a shot every 30 seconds. The gun uses an explosive mixture of acetylene gas and air ignited by means of a spark obtained from friction metal. It is entirely automatic in action and as soon as the gas is turned on starts firing at 30 second intervals and continues till the gas is turned off. This is, it is believed, the first lightship to be periodically fitted with this type of fog signal.

The existing Newchwang Lightship is fitted with the old type of lightship lantern having a number of separate oil lamps each with a parabolic silvered reflector revolving round a central mast; when she is superseded by the new ship the last enterprise light disappears from the coast of China. — *Shanghai Mercury*.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.

WEIT SUNDAY, MAY 27TH.
Holy Communion (11 a.m.)
Matins (11 a.m.)

Requiem Festival: Venitie, Goodwin; Holmes, Croft, Cooke, Te Deum, Battisbille, Jones, Battisbille, (4th evening); Institute, Tomkinson (3rd morning); Hymns, 150, 154.

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